

In re Patent Application of
WILSON ET AL.
Serial No. 10/748,723
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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful and thorough examination of the present application, and for correctly indicating that dependent Claims 66-68 recite patentable subject matter.

Applicants have accepted the Examiner's helpful suggestion and amended independent Claim 24 to incorporate the patentable subject matter of dependent Claim 66, now canceled. Applicants have also amended independent Claims 39, 45, 51, and 65 to each include the patentable subject matter of former dependent Claim 66. Applicants have added new independent Claim 70, which represents dependent Claim 67 rewritten in independent form. Applicants have also added new independent Claims 73, 76, 79, and 82, which represent former independent Claims 39, 45, 51, and 65, respectively, incorporating the patentable subject matter of dependent Claim 67. Applicants have also amended dependent Claims 40, 42-44, and 67 for consistency. Moreover, Applicants have removed the claim recitation of "using login information stored at the server, the login information being for the external email system and associated with the unavailable recipient" from each of the independent claims to address the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection.

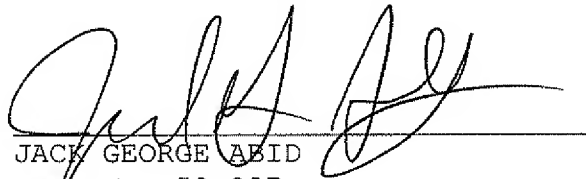
Applicants submit that all of the amended claims and new claims are patentable and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all pending rejections and allow all claims.

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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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